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Boers Evacuated After Little Resistance and Started for Winberg.

CONSIDERED THE GREATEST VICTORY SINCE GEN. CRONJE'S SURRENDER

Roberts' Free State Army Has Regained its Mobility and May Be Enabled to Co-operate With Buller.

By Associated Press to the Journal. THABANCHU, May 4.—The Boers have evacuated Thabanchu Hill and are believed to be trekking, though one gun has shelled the camp intermittently.

LONDON, May 4.—News of the occupation of Brandfort was issued by the war office this morning. This is considered the most important communication from the front since the capture of General Cronje's force, and the relief of Ladysmith. The position gives the English the key to one of the main roads leading to the Drakensburg passes, which possibly may be the means of co-operating with General Buller later on.

The Boer army which was at Brandfort, commanded by General Delarey, is presumably retreating on Winburg. What particularly gratifies the British public is the evidence that the army of Lord Roberts in the Free State has recovered its mobility and is again capable of undertaking an advance. The only opposition the British encountered at Frankfort seems to have been from the Irish-American command.

Brandfort was captured by a combined movement of Colonel Tucker's and Gen. Pole-Carew's divisions, on the east and center, and General Hutton's mounted infantry on the west. The British surprised the Boers, who retreated hastily. Four thousand of the enemy moved here yesterday evening in order to oppose our advance. Colonel Tucker's artillery had a sharp duel with the enemy's guns, and put two of them out of action.

The Boers, Winston Churchill says, have enormous herds of cattle and flocks of sheep gathered in the southwest. These they are driving northward. The correspondents at Kimberly have been forbidden to communicate for several days, the deduction being that a forward movement is contemplated and now under way.

MOVEMENTS OF THE TROOPS

By Associated Press to the Journal. LONDON, May 4.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing May 2, says:

"I have just ridden hither from Thabanchu, along the line of our advance east of Bloemfontein. The distance is fully 40 miles, and yet almost every point of concentration is contested by the enemy. "General Rundle, with the Eighth Division, is posted on our right flank, with orders to guard a strong and boldy

outlined frontal position in a country of a decidedly difficult nature. There the Boers have posted a number of guns of superior weight and range to our own. However, they show no disposition to do more than keep in touch with us and to harass our advance.

"Further, on the west, General Ian Hamilton, with his division of mounted infantry, is pressing northward, encountering only a desultory fire. The Highland brigade, from Val Krantz, has been engaged, while General Tucker, commanding the seventh division, has moved eastward from Karoo Siding and has returned south, followed by the Boers.

Nevertheless, the cavalry, owing to the greater numbers of the enemy, have been prevented from completing the movement that was intended to encircle the Boers on the march to Brandfort, and the enemy are now prepared to offer stubborn opposition on an entrenched hill to the southeast of Kroonstad. They will probably abandon that position as soon as their stores have been moved north of Vaal River.

"General Tucker's attempt to advance on Brandfort showed the enemy in considerable strength. The Colonial Cavalry were engaged, and they lost 20 horses while under fire from pom-poms. The Boers were, however, driven from position."

The Daily News has the following from Thabanchu, dated Wednesday: "In yesterday's flanking movement Captain Towse and 50 Gordon Highlanders were surrounded by 250 Boers, who demanded their surrender. Captain Towse ordered his men to fix bayonets and charge. With a wild cheer the Gordons rushed at the enemy and swept them away with great slaughter. Captain Towse was blinded in both eyes by the enemy's fire, and throughout he behaved most heroically."

BRITISH TAKE SMITHFIELD

By Associated Press to the Journal. ALBUQUERQUE, May 4.—Smithfield was today occupied by General Hart's brigade. Out of 150 Boers in town 25 were captured. The rest decamped. Ladybrand was recently full of Boer wounded, who have been removed to Ficksburg.

NIGARAGUA

WASHINGTON, May 4.—The Senate will not abandon its amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and the Hepburn amendments to the Nicaragua Canal treaty are considered practically in line with the treaty. The canal bill will not

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pass the Senate, however, because the amended treaty is not satisfactory to the parties negotiating it nor is the bill in its present form satisfactory to the Administration. The Walker Commission report, to be submitted later, will serve as a protest to put over the canal bill, although the treaty is the important element.

BOLD BURGLARS IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Or., May 4.—At an early hour this morning some burglars blew open the safe in the real estate office of John Emerson in Albina, securing \$50 and a number of bank checks, the value of which is unknown. The robbers escaped.

STATUS OF PORTO RICO

Federal Judge Holds Treaty Ratification Made it American Territory.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

ST. PAUL, May 4.—United States District Judge Lochren in this city decided that the ratification of the treaty of peace between the United States and Spain made Porto Rico American territory and subject to the constitution of the United States without any further act of congress. The decision was given in the case of Raphael Ortiz, a Porto Rican who is seeking release from the state prison at Stillwater, on the ground that his trial for murder by a military court was unlawful, because, as an American citizen, he was entitled to a trial by jury. His application for a writ of habeas corpus is denied, however, on the ground that the island was in a state of war before the ratification of the treaty when the murder was committed, and that, therefore, the military court had jurisdiction. After reviewing the facts of the case, the court said that, according to the decision of the supreme court of the United States, a military commission was without jurisdiction to try a civilian in United States territory in time of peace. He considered Porto Rico territory of the United States, and subject to the constitution the minute it came under the control of this government. Unless the constitution extended to Porto Rico in advance of action by congress, congress would have no power to legislate for the island at all, because it has no authority for any except territory to which the constitution has extended.

A CALIFORNIA MOUNTAIN Believed to Be a Volcano in a State of Activity.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—A dispatch to Red Bluff, Cal., says the North Peak of Mount Lassen is thought to be in a state of activity. Rumbling noises and a heavy cloud of smoke comes from the mountain.

THE NEW POSTOFFICE. Preliminary Sketch for Plans Completed—Oregon Stone to Be Used.

It is reported from Washington that the preliminary sketch of the plans for the new Salem postoffice building were yesterday submitted for approval, and in two or three days permanent plans will be prepared, if the sketch is satisfactory. It is probable that the additional appropriation for this building in the sundry civil bill insures the use of Oregon stone in the building.

Debate in the Senate. From the Publishers' Counselor: The best opportunity in Oregon open to the acutest partner for \$15,000, half cash.

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Clerk's Office Open Evenings. From now until May 15th the county clerk's office will be kept open from 8 a. m. until 8 p. m., excepting the hour from 5 to 6 p. m. County Clerk Hall has

made this arrangement for the convenience of voters who desire to register and can not get to the courthouse during business hours.

BRITISH STEAMER GOES ASHORE

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., May 4.—The British steamer Montpelier went ashore last night at the entrance of Cabot strait. Nothing has been heard of the crew. The vessel is probably a total loss.

The crew was landed today from the boats in which they spent the night lying off the coast.

At the State House.

Gov. Goer returned last night from his trip to Butteville with F. X. Matthieu to locate the spot where Jos. Meek said to the assembled Americans: "Follow me."

The Governor went to Portland today to try to reorganize the Paris Exposition Commission. As no pay can be provided some of those appointed decline to go to Paris.

CURIOUS TRAIN ROBBERIES

Wealthy Sheep Ranchers and Tramps are Treated Alike.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wn., May 5.—John Cleman, a wealthy sheep owner and Fred Brooker, proprietor of the Fashion barn here, was held up and robbed on the freight train last night. Then they forced him at the point of a gun to jump from the moving train. A shot was fired which left a mark on Brooker's head. In getting off the train Cleman was severely hurt. The thieves took a hundred and eighty dollars and some checks from Brooker and ten dollars and a watch from Cleman, before forcing them off the train. At a later hour three tramps were attacked on the same train by six men. They were also thrown from the train, but not dangerously hurt. One of them was robbed of forty-five dollars.

FATAL NEW YORK FIRE

Several Brave Firemen were Buried Under the Ruins.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

NEW YORK, May 4.—Four persons were killed in a fire early this morning and a fifth was fatally injured. John Curran, marine engineer, was burned to death, and Fireman Daniel Mullin was thrown from a ladder and killed. Fireman Jas. Fitzpatrick was fatally injured by the overturning of a hose truck. Thos. McGuire and Jos. Drum were buried under the ruins. The bodies are not yet uncovered.

DEWEY IN ST. LOUIS

Great Ovation For the Admiral and His Handsome Spouse

By Associated Press to the Journal.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 4.—Shortly after 10 o'clock the reception committee called on Admiral and Mrs. Dewey, and they were escorted the Merchants Exchange, where the first of a series of receptions in their honor was held. The admiral received an ovation along the drive to the Exchange. After the reception the distinguished party was taken for a drive along the boulevards and driveways of the west end. A concert and reception at the Coliseum this afternoon was one of the most elaborate features of the celebration.

IN ALL 224 BODIES

Have Been Rescued From the Coal Mines at Schofield

By Associated Press to the Journal.

SALT LAKE, Utah, May 4.—A special to the Desert News from Scofield says: No bodies have been recovered since last night but more is expected from number four mine. The number of bodies recovered up to noon is 224. The bodies yet in the mine are probably buried under tons of rock and it may be several days before these are reached. About 100 bodies were taken on board to be carried to various points by a train which left at 3 o'clock.

HOW GOEBEL WAS SHOT

Col. Jack Shim Testifies It Was Done From the Executive Building.

By Associated Press to the Journal. FRANKFORT, Ky., May 4.—Hearing of the evidence in the case of W. H. Cullen, charged with complicity in the Goebel assassination, was resumed today.

Capt. J. F. Howe, a Harboursville military officer, testified that Caleb and John Powers ten days before the assassination tried to get him to bring a company to Frankfort disguised as citizens. He declined to do so as ordered by Governor Taylor. Colonel Jack Chinn, who was with Goebel when the latter was shot, stated that he was sure that the shot was fired from the executive building.

General Otis is Relieved

WASHINGTON, May 4.—In accordance with General Otis' request to be allowed to return to the United States, the war department today has issued orders to relieve him to take effect tomorrow.

Tye orders designate Major General

MacArthur to succeed Otis in command of the division of the Philippines. Major-General Whiston is designated to succeed MacArthur as commander of the department of Southern Luzon.

Sandon, B. C. Wiped Out.

SPOKANE, Wn., May 4.—A special to the Chronicle from Three Forks, B. C., says the town of Sandon, B. C. was swept by fire early this morning, and entirely wiped out. The Depots of the Canadian Pacific and Kaslo and Slokan railroads were destroyed. The Telegraph office was burned and no particulars are obtainable.

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